2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CITY OF DECATUR ILLINOIS

DECATUR TRANSFER HOUSE

DECATUR HAS A LOT TO BE EXCITED ABOUT THESE DAYS. We are at a point where years of tough decisions, strategic investments in our infrastructure and hard work to get our financial house in order have provided a basis for real growth in Decatur. Today both public and private developments are CHOOSING us on a regular basis. Even though the next two years are shaping up to be difficult for the City financially, I hope that the public can be proud that it's not due to overspending by their City government but in large part because of the actions of others. Still, we know that we are left to deal with the situation and we will.

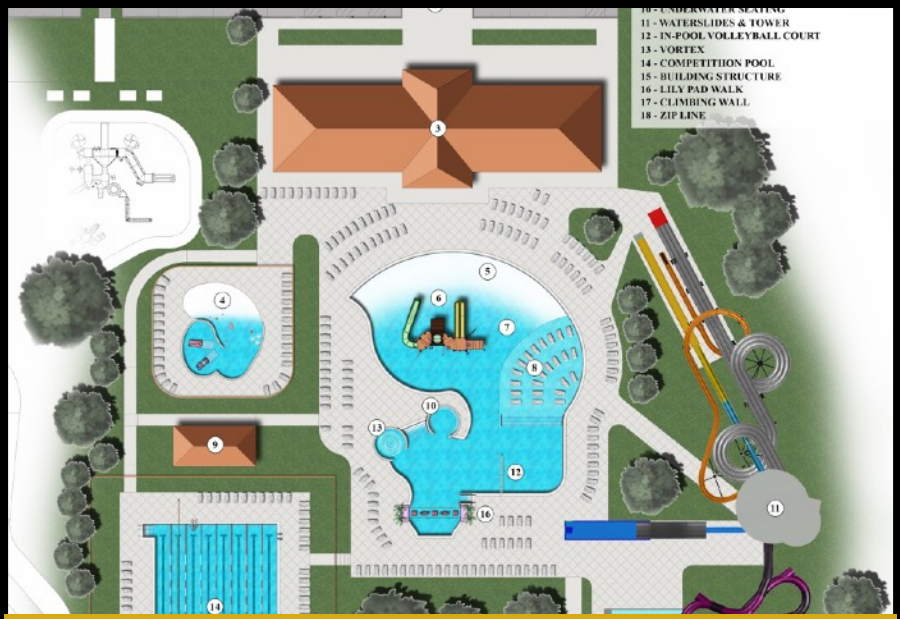
I'm proud of the work that we've done and, even more importantly, I'm extremely excited about where we're headed as a community. Today, we are planning for the future instead of regularly trying to keep our heads above water. And it's you, the residents of Decatur, who in many cases are leading the effort. Hopefully you'll see the results of some of OUR work in this document.

- City Manager Tim Gleason

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

More than $70 MILLION in new economic development came to Decatur in 2017, the highest total since 2012 and part of a continued trend towards investment in our community amounting to more than $200 MILLION in the last few years. This means new jobs and an improved quality of life that is sure to draw people to Decatur from miles around.

A $24 million expansion by Akorn Pharmaceuticals now underway on Grand Avenue (City sewer project assistance).



A New Lakeshore Landing water park is expected to open in summer 2019.

The Children's Museum of Illinois Heroes Hall Law Enforcement exhibit is expected to open in summer 2018.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Caterpillar has added more than 1,000 jobs in Decatur this year and continues to hire.

The New $15 million Law Enforcement Training Center will train new Police officers from throughout Illinois and is already spurring growth on the city's south side.

Plans are for two new restaurants - including Chipotle - and office facilities to be located at the corner of Ash Ave. and U.S. 51.

Millikin University Commons is now open, a $22 million expansion and remodel bringing a new energy to the award-winning west end anchor.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **(CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS)**

Liaison Home Automation

Firstech $4 million renovation completed

New Angled Parking and Added Spaces Along Church St.

R. Bar and Grille Now Open

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HUNDREDS PLAN FOR COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION, HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION GIVES $1 MILLION TO HELP FUND WORK

Hundreds of people from a wide spectrum of ages, races, neighborhoods and backgrounds turned out for the first 5 meetings of what will be a groundbreaking Community Revitalization plan. The input was wide ranging and thorough and will be used to create a plan to be considered by the Decatur City Council this spring.

We also want to thank the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for once again graciously agreeing to provide a significant investment in the growth and development of our community. The Foundation announced last year that it will provide $1 Million to support the neighborhood redevelopment portion of the revitalization effort.

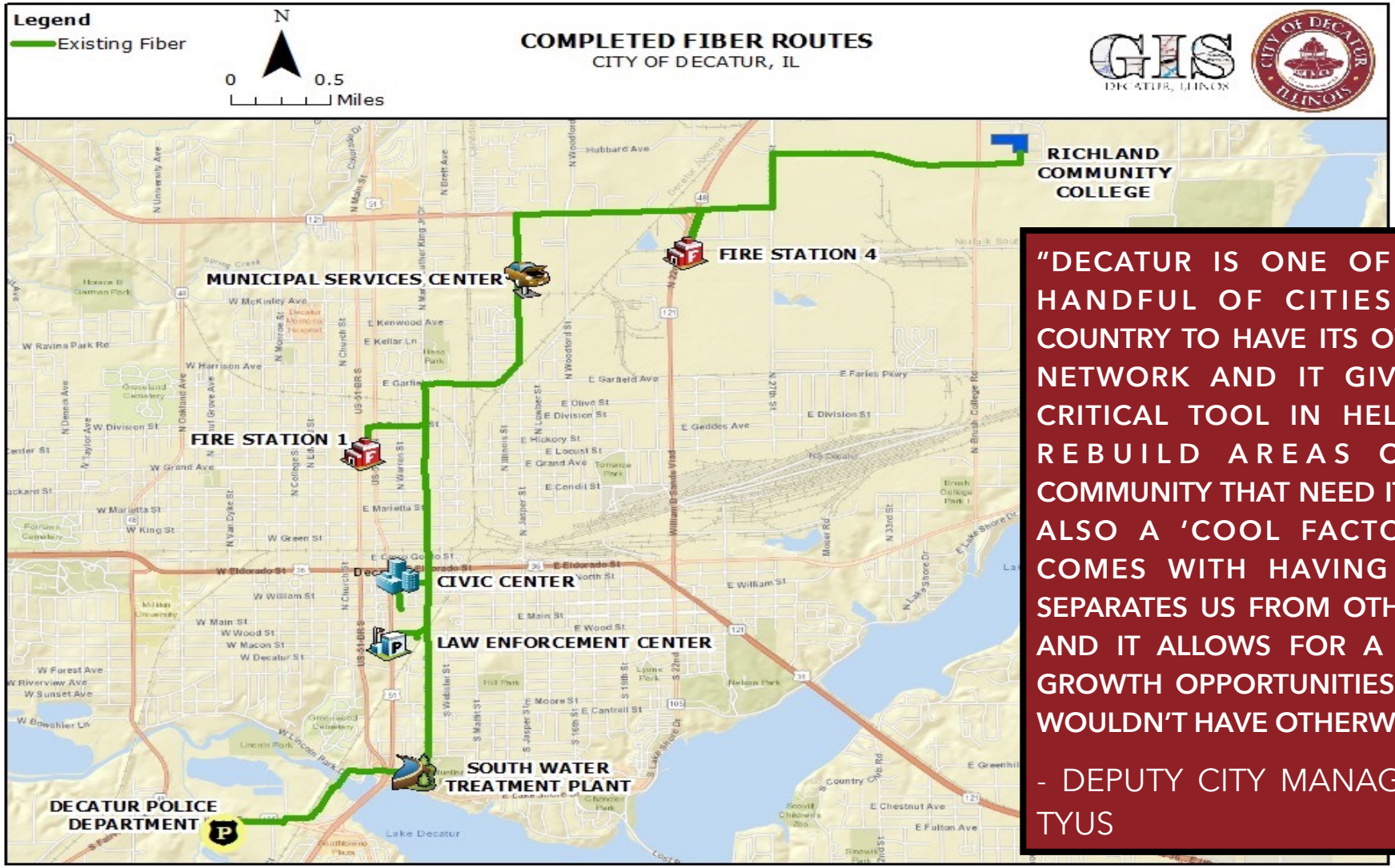
"OF ALL THE WORK WE'VE DONE IN RECENT YEARS, THIS PLAN TRULY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON THIS CITY. I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES, THANKFUL FOR THE PARTICIPATION AND WE ARE DETERMINED MAKE SURE THAT THE FINAL PRODUCT REPRESENTS THE THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY"

- CITY MANAGER TIM GLEASON

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GRAND AVE. FIRE SITE CLEANUP

In a true spirit of partnership the City was able to team up with the Operators Union Local 965 to do clean up work on this site. The partnership provided an incredible training opportunity for Local 965 and led to the clean-up occurring for $80,000 in out of pocket costs which was 4 times less than some estimates that were as high as $300,000.



"DECATUR IS ONE OF ONLY A HANDFUL OF CITIES IN THE COUNTRY TO HAVE ITS OWN FIBER NETWORK AND IT GIVES US A CRITICAL TOOL IN HELPING TO REBUILD AREAS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT NEED IT. THERE'S ALSO A 'COOL FACTOR' THAT COMES WITH HAVING IT THAT SEPARATES US FROM OTHER CITIES AND IT ALLOWS FOR A HOST OF GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE OTHERWISE HAD."

- DEPUTY CITY MANAGER BILLY TYUS

NEW HIGH SPEED CITY FIBER NETWORK TO BRING TAXPAYER SAVINGS

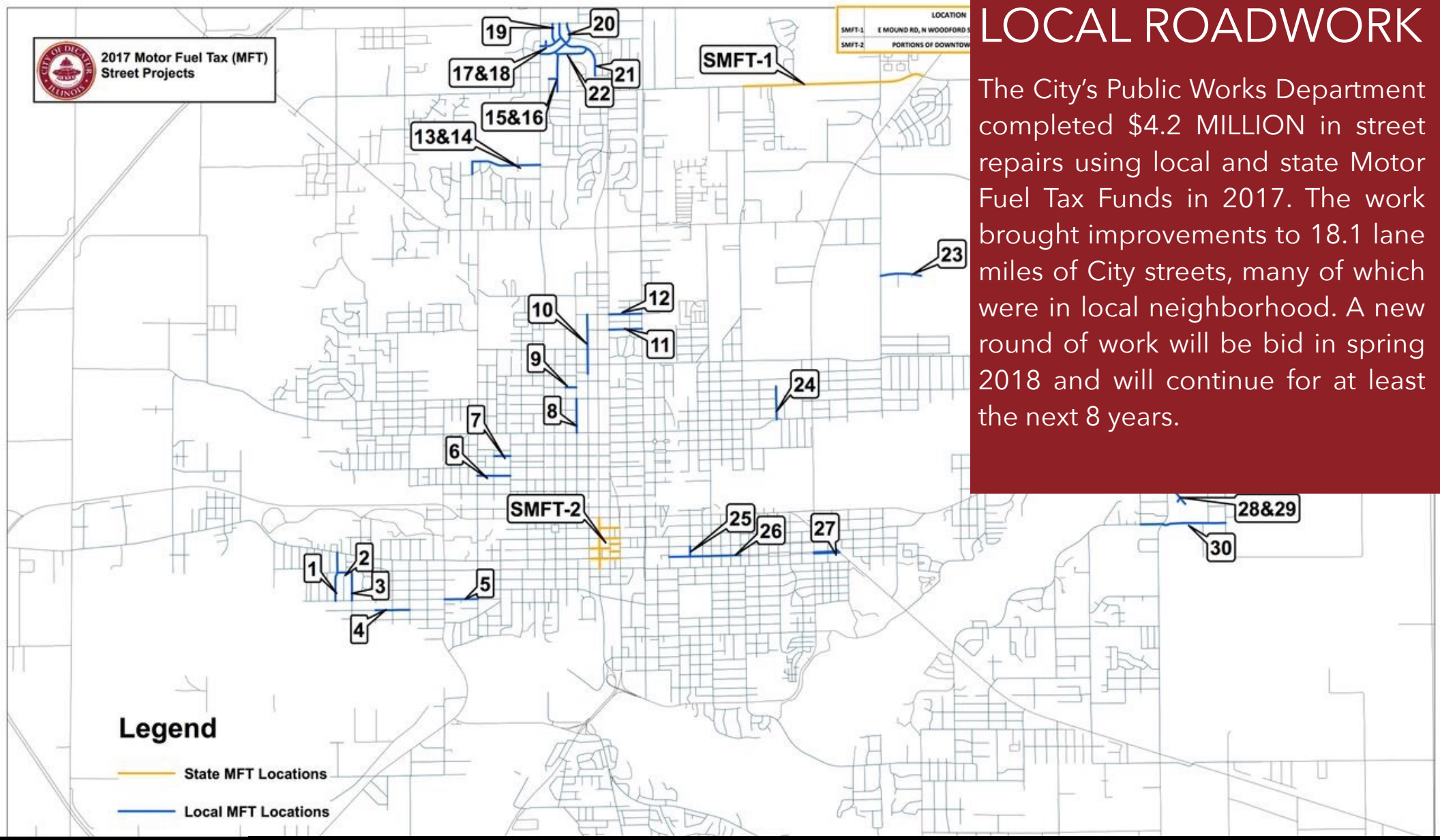
City offices are now utilizing this high speed tool, funded in large part by a generous donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. The network will provide critical high-speed internet service to the city and other taxing bodies at a cost that could be up to 75% less than what would be paid for the same service. Both the Decatur Park District and the Macon County Sheriff's Office have already signed on as network partners and it will also provide a critical tool for community revitalization and city law enforcement.

FIRE STATION RENOVATIONS COMPLETED, NEW FIRE STATION # 5 SITE SELECTED

The new station will be located at the intersection of Greenridge Dr. and Mound Road and is part of an $8.5 million initiative to repair and replace aging fire stations - without the need for a tax increase.

LOCAL ROADWORK

The City's Public Works Department completed $4.2 MILLION in street repairs using local and state Motor Fuel Tax Funds in 2017. The work brought improvements to 18.1 lane miles of City streets, many of which were in local neighborhood. A new round of work will be bid in spring 2018 and will continue for at least the next 8 years.



INFRASTRUCTURE: 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

28,000 - Number of Potholes Patched

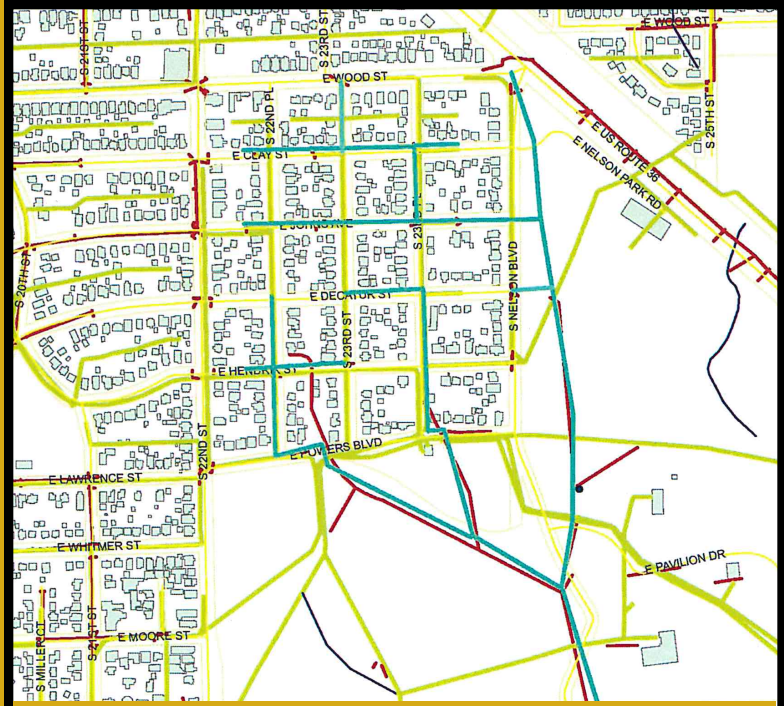
929 - Number of properties mowed under mowing violations

2,702,447 - The number of cubic yards of sediment dredged from Lake Decatur, providing 13 days of additional water supply

14,009 - The number of utility billing customer service and water maintenance service orders filled.

14,770 - Number of feet of water main replaced

The Public Works Dept. also rehabilitated 4.5 miles of sewer with the 7th Ward Critical Sewer Rehabilitation ($7.8 million, sewer extends from Edward/Grand Ave. to Sunset Ave.) and started the Nelson Park Combined Sewer Separation Project ($3.5 million to install nearly 2 miles of sewer pipe in the area).



Nelson Park Combined Sewer Separation Map

Operating Achievements

DECATUR POLICE

- TRANSFER OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FROM DPD TO THE NEWLY-CREATED CIRDC EXPECTED TO BRING SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS TO TAXPAYERS
- IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ON-LINE REPORTING FOR SOME INCIDENTS
- 111% INCREASE IN OFFICER FOOT PATROLS
- 6% DECREASE IN REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES AND 3% DECREASE IN REPORTED PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS.
- 80% HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATE (VS. 59% NATIONAL AVERAGE)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- DEPT. MADE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY'S DELIVERY SYSTEMS TO INCLUDE ELIMINATION OF AGING TECHNOLOGY, REPLACEMENT OF DATA STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE & IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER BILLING.
- NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS FOR FIBER CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DECATUR PARK DISTRICT AND THE MACON CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT.
- LED PHASE II OF MUNICIPAL FIBER BUILD

ADMINISTRATION

- DEPT. REORG. COMPLETED WITH THE CREATION OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT AND ELEVATION OF HR POSITION TO DEPT. DIRECTOR. MOVE EXPECTED TO LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS
- RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AGREED UPON BY 2 OF 3 LOCAL BARGAINING UNITS (ALREADY MANDATED FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES). HIGHER INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ALSO NEGOTIATED

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- RECORD AMOUNT OF TRASH (120.4 TONS) COLLECTED THROUGH 4 CITY SPONSORED CITYWIDE CLEANUPS
- CITY RANKS #1 IN ILLINOIS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FOR HOME REHAB
- BEGAN INSTALLATION OF 26 ACCESSIBLE BUS SHELTERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

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LOOKING FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL 2018!
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